

**ABSTRACT**

A folding mobile telephone includes a 2-axis hinge unit. The end portion of the 2-axis hinge unit is constantly exposed outside the mobile telephone. The exposed portion includes input means. The input means can be, for example, a pointing device. The pointing device can be operated regardless of the positions of the housings of the communications terminal. The telephone includes position detection means for detecting the relative positions of the housings. The control unit can control the operation of the terminal based on the relative positions of the housings. The position detection means includes a magnet and a magnetic sensor. The input means can be a fingerprint sensor.